

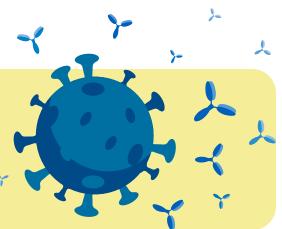
COVID-19

Monoclonal Antibodies Treatment

In November, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization to allow the use of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients who do not require hospitalization or require oxygen therapy.

What are monoclonal antibodies?

They are a type of treatment, given as a shot in the vein or under your skin, that can protect you from getting COVID-19 if you've been exposed and it can also treat COVID-19 before it becomes serious. This can save lives and stop you from needing to get admitted to the hospital.



Who can get this treatment?

To receive treatment you can either have a positive COVID-19 test and be high risk or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19. High-risk individuals can be:

65 or older and weigh at least 80 lbs. or more





Told by a doctor they are at high risk of a serious case of COVID-19



Age 12 or older and weigh at least 80 lbs **AND** have any of the following:

- Chronic kidney disease
- Heart or lung disease
- BMI of 25 or greater
- Pregnancy
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease



Questions about COVID-19? Call 1-800-889-3931 or email <u>dph.sick@illinois.gov</u> Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov